

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A personal care or cosmetic oil-in-water emulsion in the form of a milk or cream comprising: at least one oil; water; and an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of

- (a) from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion of an oil emulsifier, wherein the emulsifier comprises one or more non-ionic emulsifier(s) selected from the group consisting of at least one alkoxylate emulsifiers, fatty acid esters, ethers, hemi-acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, and a fatty acid amide which is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound, and
- (b) a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of the emulsion.

2. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyglucomannan polysaccharide comprises random glucose/mannose backbone at a molar ratio of glucose to mannose of from 1:1.5 to 1:3.

3. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyglucomannan polysaccharide is a polyglucomannan derived from Konjak.

4. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of Xanthan to polyglucomannan is from 1:10 to 10:1.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier comprises said at least one ~~or more~~ alkoxylate emulsifiers ~~alcohol-alkoxylates~~.

8. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier comprises ~~one or more~~ said at least one fatty acid esters ~~saccharide esters of fatty acids and a sugar, wherein the mono-ester content is at least 60%.~~

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 9 1, wherein the emulsifier comprises at least one alkoxylate emulsifier with an average of from 10 to 100 alkylene oxide residues and having an HLB greater than 12 and the amount of emulsifier used is from 0.04 to 0.1% by weight of the emulsion.

11. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the emulsifier includes at least one hydrophilic non-ionic emulsifier having an HLB of at least 12 and at least one hydrophobic non-ionic emulsifier having an HLB of less than 8.

12. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic emulsifier comprises at least one of alkoxylate emulsifiers with an average of from 10 to 100 alkylene oxide residues; sugar mono-esters; polyglycerol mono-esters; hydrocarbyl polysaccharides; fatty acid glycerol esters where the fatty acid has 8 to 12 carbon atoms; and fatty acid N-sugar amides, and wherein the hydrophobic emulsifier comprises at least one of alkoxylate emulsifiers with an average of from 2 to about 10 alkylene oxide residues; glycerol esters where the fatty acid has 14 to 24 carbon atoms; and anhydrosaccharide fatty acids.

13. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein the amount of the hydrophilic emulsifier is from 0.04 to 0.5% by weight of the emulsion and the amount of the hydrophobic emulsifier is from 0.1 to 1% by weight of the emulsion.

14. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oil phase comprises an emollient oil.

15. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 14, wherein the emollient oil comprises at least one normally liquid emollient oil selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, paraffin oils, vegetable glyceride oils, animal glyceride oils, synthetic ester oils, synthetic ether oils, silicone oils, fatty alcohol propoxylates, a solid liquefiable emollient fat, a solid liquefiable emollient wax, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oil phase is at least 5% by weight of the emulsion.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 18 in the form of a cream comprising at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners.

20. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 comprising:

from 1 to 80% by weight of at least one oil;

from 0.02 to 1.2% by weight of at least one alkoxide emulsifier having an HLB of at least 12;

optionally from 0.1 to 1.2% by weight of at least one emulsifier having an HLB of less than 8;

the total amount of emulsifier being from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight;

from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of at least one polysaccharide stabilizer;

optionally from 0.1 to 10% by weight of at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners;

the remainder being minor components and additives and water.

21. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 comprising:

from 1 to 80% by weight of at least one oil;

from 0.02 to 1.2% by weight of at least one emulsifier having an HLB of at least 12 selected from the group consisting of a fatty acid ester, ether, hemi-acetal or acetal of a polyhydroxylic compound, and a fatty acid amide which is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound;

optionally from 0.1 to 1.2% by weight of at least one emulsifier having an HLB of less than 8;

the total amount of emulsifier being from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight;

from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of at least one polysaccharide stabilizer;

optionally from 0.1 to 10% by weight of at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners;

the remainder being minor components and additives and water.

22. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 having a pH of from 4 to 9.

23. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 comprising one or more of: preservatives; perfumes; humectants or solvents; sunfilter or sunscreen materials; alpha hydroxy acids; self-tanning agents; antimicrobial components; Vitamins and their precursors; skin care agents; phospholipids; vesicle-containing formulations; germanium-containing compounds; botanical extracts; skin whiteners; skin repair compounds; caffeine; cooling additives; insect repellents; essential oils; and pigments.

24. (Previously amended) A method of making an emulsion as claimed in claim 1 by direct emulsification, wherein the emulsifier(s) and polysaccharide stabilizer are incorporated into the aqueous phase, optionally including thickener components in the aqueous phase, and then mixing the oil into the aqueous continuous phase to emulsify it.

25. (Previously amended) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the polysaccharide stabilizer in the aqueous phase is heated to above about 60°C and is optionally subjected to high intensity mixing.

26. (Previously amended) The method of making an emulsion as claimed in claim 1 by inverse emulsification, wherein the emulsifier(s) and polysaccharide stabilizer are incorporated into the oil phase and the aqueous phase is then mixed into the oil phase until the system inverts to form an oil-in-water emulsion.

27. (Previously amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the polysaccharide stabilizer in contact with the aqueous phase is heated to above about 60°C, and is optionally subjected to high intensity mixing.

28-33. (Cancelled).

34. (Previously added) A personal care or cosmetic milk or lotion comprising an oil-in-water emulsion having a viscosity of up to about 10,000 mPa.s, wherein said emulsion comprises an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of an emulsifier for the oil and a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide.

35. (Previously amended) A personal care or cosmetic oil-in-water cream having a viscosity of more than 20,000 mPa.s, comprising an emulsion comprising:

- a) an oil emulsifier comprising at least one or more non-ionic emulsifier(s) selected from the group consisting of alkoxylate emulsifiers, fatty acid esters, ethers, hemiacetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, and a fatty acid amide which is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound,
- b) and a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide.

36. (Previously amended) A personal care or cosmetic oil-in-water emulsion comprising an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of an emulsifier for the oil and a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide, wherein the concentration of ionic materials within the emulsion is not greater than about 0.05 molar.

37. (Previously added) The emulsion as claimed in claim 4, wherein the weight ratio of Xanthan to polyglucomannan is from 2:1 to 1:2.

38. (Previously added) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide is present from 0.025 to 0.15% by weight of the emulsion.

39. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier comprises said at least one alkoxylate emulsifier ~~derived from fatty acid esters~~.

40. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier comprises said at least one fatty acid amide that is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound ~~saccharide fatty acid ester~~.

41. (Previously amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 7, wherein the emulsifier comprises at least one alcohol ethoxylates.

42. (Previously added) The emulsion as claimed in claim 8, wherein the emulsion comprises one or more sugars selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose and glucose.

43. (Previously added) An emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of emulsifier is from 0.1 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion.

44. (Previously added) A personal care or cosmetic oil-in-water emulsion comprising: at least one oil; water; and an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of an emulsifier for the oil and a polysaccharide combination, wherein the polysaccharide combination consists only of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide.

45-47. (Cancelled).

48. (Previously added) A personal care or cosmetic milk or cream having a oil-in-water emulsion comprising: at least one oil; water; and an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of an oil emulsifier and a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide.

49. (Previously added) The personal care or cosmetic milk or cream of Claim 48 wherein the emulsion is in the form of a milk having a viscosity of from 100 to 10000 mPa.s.

50. (Previously added) The personal care or cosmetic milk or cream of Claim 48 wherein the emulsion is in the form of a cream having a viscosity of from 30000 to 80000 mPa.s.

51. (Currently amended) The personal care or cosmetic milk or cream of Claim ~~49~~ 48 wherein the emulsion is either in the form of a milk having a viscosity of from 100 to 10000 mPa.s., or in the form of a cream having a viscosity of from 30000 to 80000 mPa.s.

52. (New) The emulsion of claim 8 wherein said fatty acid esters are saccharide esters of fatty acids and a sugar, wherein the mono-ester content is at least 60%.

53. (New) The emulsion of claim 7 wherein said alkoxylate emulsifiers are alcohol alkoxylates.

54. (New) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said oil emulsifier is present in the amount of 0.02% by weight of the emulsion.

55. (New) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said oil emulsifier is present in the amount of 1.5% by weight of the emulsion.

56. (New) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present in the amount of 0.02 % by weight of the emulsion.

57. (New) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present in the amount of 0.5 % by weight of the emulsion.

58. (New) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said oil emulsifier is present in an amount of from 0.02 to 0.25% by weight of the emulsion, and wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide is present in an amount from 0.02 to 0.25 % by weight.